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SUBJECT: RAMPHAL VISIT TO NIGERIA: FMG CONTRIBUTES TO

SPECIAL MOZAMBIQUE AID FUND

1. ENDING HIS WEEK LONG VISIT TO NIGERIA, COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY GENERAL SHRIDATH RAMPHAL TOLD NEWSMEN AT LAGOS MUHAMMED AIRPORT MAY 15 THAT NIGERIA HAS AGREED TO CONTRIBUTE TO A SPECIAL FUND THE COMMONWEALTH IS ORGANIZING TO HELP MOZAMBIQUE OFFSET THE ADVERSE EFFECTS ITS SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA. FUND IS TO BE USED TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO MOZAMBIQUE, DRAWING ON EXPERTISE AVAILABLE FROM WITHIN COMMONWEALTH. NIGERIAN DONATION (AMOUNT AS YET UNSPECIFIED) REPORTEDLY WILL COME OUT OF NAIRA ONE MILLION WHICH FMG PLEDGED TO MOZAMBIQUE RELIEF LAST MONTH (LAGOS 5106 PARA 4).

2. COMMENT: FMG CONTRIBUTION TO AID FUND AND CONCOMITANT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN RAMPHAL AND TOP GOVERNMENT LEADERS ON ISSUES
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OF RACISM AND COLONIALISM IN SOUTHERN AFRICA HAVE PREDICTABLY

GAINED MOST PUBLICITY HERE. HOWEVER, RAMPHAL ALSO DELIVERED VERY WELL RECEIVED KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT NIGERIAN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FEDERALISM AND SEEMS TO HAVE SPENT MUCH OF HIS TIME SUCCESSFULLY STIMULATING LOCAL INTEREST IN COMMONWEALTH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR NIGERIAN DEVELOPMENT EFFORT, ESPECIALLY IN FIELDS OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES.
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